

REMARKS

Claims 1-72 are currently pending in this application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8, 10-14, 16, 17, 20-23, 25-32, 34-38, 40, 41, 44-47, 49-56, 58-62, 64, 65, and 68-71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by IT 463,651 ("Italian").

Claims 1-8, 10-14, 16-18, 20-23, 25-32, 34-38, 40-42, 44-47, 49-56, 58-62, 64-66, and 68-71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pavlecka (U.S. Patent No. 2,348,921).

The Italian patent discloses a method of obtaining shaped metal pieces which, contrary to the claimed invention, does not include interengageable dies. Also, a plurality of shaped portions of different radii are not formable therein. Further, the hollow body is not attached at one side to an interengageable die section. Complex substantially large shaped articles are also not formable therein, and very high pressure is not utilizeable. It further does not disclose a plurality of die elements.

Pavlecka discloses a draw press which utilizes hot air and electric heating coils to heat the blank, contrary to the unheated blank as claimed herein. The Pavleka press softens the blank and raises the temperature thereof to a maximum desired heating for enabling heated drawing of the blank. Further, it does not include interengageable dies.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 9, 15, 19, 24, 33, 39, 43, 48, 57, 63, 67 and 72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Italian patent or Pavlecka. These claims are dependent claims, which depend directly or indirectly from independent claims, and are patentable in view of the patentability of the independent claims as set forth above and below.

Dependent Claims

In view of the patentability of the underlying independent claims over the Italian patent and Pavlecka as set forth above, it is submitted that the claims depending therefrom are likewise patentable.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted in view of the above that there is no teaching or suggestion of applicant's invention as claimed in the claims submitted herewith, within the scope of the disclosure of the cited references, without extensive modification and the exercise of inventive talent.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and requests that it be passed to issue. If there are any issues which can be discussed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney at (310) 242-2732.

Respectfully submitted,

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